



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "There is no better measure of a person than what he does when he is absolutely free to choose." ~ Wilma Askinas

June 3, 2015

## Greenhouse Education

'Growing Opportunities', a program of the South Central Community Action Program, is seeking greenhouse education volunteers to assist staff as they teach participants greenhouse-related job skills. Participants may include people with traumatic brain injury, mental illness, memory impairment, and/or physical disabilities. Experience working with people with disabilities is helpful but not required, but volunteers must be able to tolerate summer heat, occasional heavy lifting, and kneeling for extended periods. Volunteers will be asked to initiate suggestions to improve the program. A background in social work, nursing, or teaching is helpful, but not required. Minimum age is 18; 15 if with an adult. Please contact Nikki Wooten at (812) 339-3447 ext. 233 or nicole@insccap.org. ([www.insccap.org](http://www.insccap.org))

## Teens: Grow Potatoes for the Food Bank – June 10, 15, 18

Want to learn about organic gardening while growing potatoes for families that need food? On Global Youth Service Day, the Hoosier Hills Food Bank was excited to have teen volunteers plant over 250 pounds of potatoes. Now they need to be cared for, then harvested. Teen volunteers will learn about organic farming, with a focus on soil health. You will play in the dirt, bask in the sun, and enjoy a gentle workout with a purpose. Volunteer work sessions will be from 3-5 p.m. on June 10, 15 and 18. Other times can be arranged for interested groups. Minimum age is 14. Please contact Bobbi Boos at (812) 334-8374 or [garden@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:garden@hhfoodbank.org). ([www.hhfoodbank.org](http://www.hhfoodbank.org))

## History Center Garage Sale Volunteers– June 12, 13, 15

The Monroe County History Center, which holds the largest garage sale in the county, is looking for individuals to assist with the sale on June 12, 13 or 15 for about four hours. This sale, held at the Cook Pharmica Warehouse, offers everything you need to furnish a home – sometimes there is even a car or boat for sale! Donations of items for the sale, which are tax deductible, are accepted year-round, and pick-up can be arranged. Minimum age is 18. Volunteers must register and receive training. To register, please contact Rose Merrick at (812) 332-2517 ext. 2 or [mchcooperations@gmail.com](mailto:mchcooperations@gmail.com). ([www.monroehistory.org](http://www.monroehistory.org))

## Teens: Paws and Claws Camp Counselors – June 15-July 17

Attention teen volunteers! If you are age 15 or older, and can commit to at least one week of camp, the Monroe County Humane Association would like you to consider being a camp counselor-in-training (CIT) for the Paws and Claws camp. CITs help with the kids and the crafts, and, of course, snuggle critters as needed! Cost is \$25 to cover the costs of your t-shirt and snacks. Assistance is particularly needed from June 15-19, June 22-26, and July 13-17. Please contact Sarah DeLone at (812) 335-9453 or [sdelone@monroehumane.org](mailto:sdelone@monroehumane.org). ([www.monroehumane.org](http://www.monroehumane.org))

## Camp Invention Volunteers or Interns – June 14-19

Created by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, and hosted locally by the IU College of Arts and Sciences, Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem-solving and the spirit of invention. Held from June 14-19, Camp Invention is a science day camp for children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. High school students and undergraduates are welcome to serve as volunteers/interns. Duties include getting to know the children and helping them and the teachers with projects. This is a unique opportunity to build leadership and communication skills, learn about intellectual property and the role of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and strengthen your resume. Minimum age is 15. Please contact Tina Gilliland at (812) 855-5397 or [mgillila@indiana.edu](mailto:mgillila@indiana.edu). ([www.campinvention.org/interns/](http://www.campinvention.org/interns/))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Stepping Stones

Provides support for youth ages 16-20 experiencing homelessness in a safe, service-enriched setting with the goal of breaking the cycles of poverty and homelessness. To grant a wish, contact Alysia Fornal at [afornal@steppingstones-inc.org](mailto:afornal@steppingstones-inc.org) or (812) 339-9771. ([www.steppingstones-inc.org](http://www.steppingstones-inc.org))

**Wishes:** alarm clocks, vacuum, laundry basket, twin sheets, blankets, trash cans, trash bags (20 gal.), laundry detergent, silverware, cooking pots & pans, dishware, glassware, cleaning supplies, bath towels, toilet paper, first aid supplies, copy paper, staples, combination bike locks, bike helmets

*Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

